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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Takehiko NAKA, et al.
Title: BENZIMIDAZOLE DERIVATIVES, THEIR PRODUCTION AND USE
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

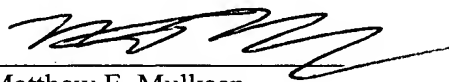
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Communication dated January 15, 2004. Applicants elect Group II, claims 3, 5-12, 22-27, 29-33 and 35 for examination. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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